(c) The Reserve Bank of India has advised all scheduled commercial banks to, *inter alia,* set up internal control systems to combat (a) obtaining of credit cards by fraudulent means at application stage; (b) misuse of lost/stolen cards and cards not received by genuine applicants. And (c) use of counterfeit and altered cards.

Kidnapping Cases

t818 SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 23504 cases of kidnapping have been registered throughout the country in 1998;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than one thousand cases of kidnapping were registered in each of the more than ten States during the year 1998; and

(c) if so,, what action Government are taking to prevent the incidents of kidnapping?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI I.D.SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Crime India-1998 report 23504 cases of kidnapping were registered throughout the country in 1998. However, the report had published the 1997 data of Orissa due to non-availability of data on account of cyclone in Orissa. Later the Orissa state sent its 1998 data and the figures of kidnapping were revised as 23520.

(b) Yes, Sir. Ten states reported more than one thousand cases of kidnapping during tfie year 1998. These states are Andhra Pradesh (1175), Assam (1471), Bihar (2758), Gujarat (142 l),Madhya Pradesh (1107), Maharashtra (1132), Rajasthan (3066), Tamil Nadu (1193), Uttar Pradesh (4369) and Delhi (1333).

(c) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention for improving administration of criminal justice system.

Providing Speed Governors to Vehicles in NCT

819. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

fOriginal notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether all vehicles operating in the National Capital Territory, other than three wheelers, are likely to be provided with speed governors compulsorily;

(b) whether police strength is quite inadequate to regulate the traffic and as per Delhi Traffic Police Commissioner only two hands are doing the job of 20 hands;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 118 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 the Government issued a notification dated 24* September, 2001 specifying that all transport vehicles, other than three wheelers and motor cabs, operating in National Capital Territory of Delhi shall be fitted with a Speed Governor approved by authorised testing agencies.

(b) to (d) In order to strengthen the Traffic Unit of Delhi Police, 1255 additional posts in various ranks were created by the Government about three years back. The other steps taken to improve the traffic management include use of radar guns, interceptors and red speed cameras for checking over-speeding, red light jumping and enforcement of land discipline; use of alcometer to check drunken driving; analysis of road accidents for identification of their actual cause so as to take remedial measures; imparting education to the public about traffic rules and safety norms; and setting up of traffic training parks for educating school children.

Water Dispute between Haryana and Punjab

820. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is trie latest development in respect of Haryana-Punjab river water dispute; and

(b) what initiative is being taken by Government to have it settled amicably before it assumes the menacing proportion of Kamataka-Tamil Nadu wrangle?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The dispute in regard to adjudicating the shares of Punjab and Haryana in surplus Ravi Beas waters is under the consideration of the Ravi & Beas Waters Tribunal, constituted by the